

REMARKS

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. Claims 1, 7, 21 and 22 are amended. Claims 2 and 18 are canceled. New claims 26 and 27 are added. After amending the claims as set forth herein, claims 1, 3-17, and 19-27 are now pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Independent claims 1, 7, 21 and 22 have been amended to include the limitation that the at least two keys (which release the keypad) each actuate an electronic switch when depressed. New independent claim 26 recites that the at least two keys will only release the keypad inlay if both are depressed using an off-center keystroke. As explained in Applicants' Reply dated August 10, 2006, Applicants believe that these claims patentably define over the prior art of record. During a teleconference between Examiner Sherman and Applicants' representative Damon Neagle on September 8, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims incorporating these limitations would be allowable.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No 50-3841. If proper payment is not enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is

authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-3841. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3841.

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